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Amendments to the Specification:

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 6, starting on line 9, as follows:

In addition, the base mounting has two guidetracks 11, 12 10, 11 which are introduced as a boring in the base mounting 1. These guidetracks serve for guiding the spiral needles 12, 13. The actuation of the spiral needles is effected within the base mounting via the access 14, for example a flexible shaft.

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 6, starting on line 16, as follows:

Both the base mounting 1 and the adapter 2 have one connection piece
7, 8, respectively, to which low pressure tubes can be connected. In this way, a low
pressure can be applied to corresponding openings along the circumference of the
recess 18 or of the opening 15 5 in order to draw in and to fix the edge of the incision
in the artery or the edge along the open end of the vein 6.